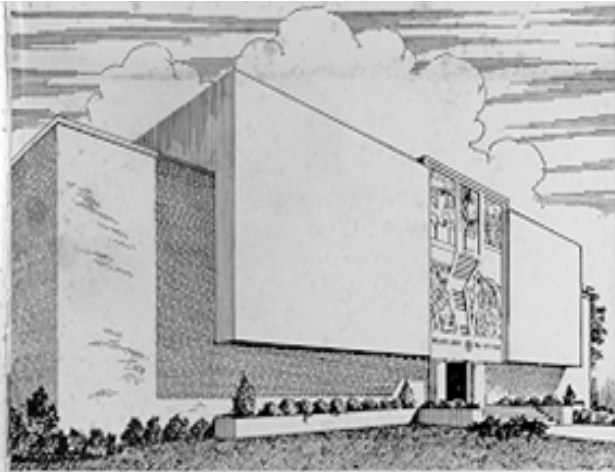


The Alpha

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**Stated Meeting
August 11, 2004
Dinner at 6:30 P.M.
Lodge opens at 7:30 P.M.
Open Program will begin at
7:15 p.m. with a presentation
by Kandace Perry**

**Ask to be involved,
Seek opportunities to participate
and
Know you are building your Lodge!
But most of all,
Come on Down to the Lodge!**

**Did you know, there are
Three Master Mason Degrees
planned between now and the
September Stated Meeting!**

From the East..

The newly elected and appointed officers have taken their stations and places and the 169th Masonic year of Holland Lodge has begun. Our theme for the August Stated is “bring a Brother back to Holland” for a fine meal, good program and Masonry in action. A special “open” program will be held at 7:15 p.m., just prior to the Stated. Holland Lodge has given a scholarship to Kandace Perry, a recent graduate of Langham Creek High School in the Cy-Fair ISD. She will be attending Texas A&M University beginning August 22, 2004. Her major is Poultry Science in the College of Agriculture. An outstanding public school student, she will be an asset to A&M and all of us at Holland. The special “open” program will have Kandace in attendance to visit with and thank the Brothers of Holland Lodge No. 1 for helping her in her road to the future. The scholarship is funded from our last two years of fund raising. Tom Behrman, S.W. chair of this years October Fest has some new ideas that will be presented to provide more bucks for future efforts to support those who deserve and need our help.

The next night, August 12, 2004, will be the 50 year award for R.:W.: Dan B. Jordan, PGM. The program is jointly sponsored by Houston Lodge No. 1189 and Holland No. 1. You will not want to miss this momentous occasion. It will be held at the Scottish Rite on Brompton with the reception to follow in the Oasis room of the Arabia Shrine. Many of your Brothers and Officers will be helping prepare and every Mason is welcome. As most of you know, R.:W.: Jordan has a favorite chair in the Northwest part of the lodge room adding a special light to the North. Come out and honor this Past Grandmaster, Brother and Friend.

Holland welcomes three newly affiliated Master Masons, Marvin Labohm, P.M. of Harmony No. 6, Ken Bowen, P.M. of Memorial No.1298 and David Hittner from Temple No. 4. We also have several regular visitors who are in the “paperwork” trail to become an integral part of Holland Lodge. These Brothers have seen what Holland is and does and each makes it a better Lodge.

Two FC degrees and one exam on Saturday was a great and fun morning beginning with a special “Behrman Heart Healthy Breakfast”. Coming up are several exams and the formation and initial practice of our degree teams. Degree Masters Tom Behrman, S.W.-Masters Degree, Duncan Chapman, J.W.-Fellowcraft Degree and Patrick Porter, S.D.,-Entered Apprentice Degree will each be more than happy to have any of you participate in the Degrees. If you think it has been too long since you worked in or if you have never participated in degrees, just let the Degree Master know...not all duties are speaking parts and you can work your way in. You do not have to be a ritualist to enjoy degree work and learning one part at a time is the proven method. Call or e-mail one of the Degree Masters, their addresses and numbers are on the back page of this Alpha.

Looking forward to seeing you at Lodge— “Bring a Brother back to Holland” in August—you will both be making good men better.

Fraternally, Earl Thompson

"From the South"...

HOLLAND LODGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Brisket Cook-Off Proceeds

Benefit a Deserving Youth!

Holland Lodge has done it again, one more time you have assisted a deserving youth in her pursuit of education.

Kandace Perry of Langham Creek High School applied for and was accepted into Texas A&M.

Kandace's family could not afford to send her to college but her teachers and friends rallied around her supported her and insisted that she apply, due to her exemplary record, her involvement in the community, her grades and her upbeat go for it attitude she was accepted.

I was contacted by Nicki Reed the Senior FFA teacher at Langham Creek High School and Paul Glorio of FKP Architect firm of Houston and Mary Glorio of the Crossroads agency for under privileged children. They asked if Holland Lodge would contribute to Kandace's college education fund.

Brethren you responded with a \$1500.00 scholarship. The money will be sent to A&M put into her school account and used to help pay for her classes. Your involvement in the scholarship fund raising program and your contributions have enabled another youth to work toward improving her station in life.

I hope this leaves you with a warm and fuzzy feeling, as it certainly did me. Kandace and her friends will be at Holland Lodge August 11th so that she might personally thank each and every one of you.

We have included her Entrance Essay for your review.

Fraternally,

**Be sure you visit
www.HollandLodge.org
For the Latest Pictures, Masonic
News, Masonic Links and
the Most Up to date schedule as
well as the e-Alpha!**

Kandace Perry College Entrance Essay

Which comes first, the chicken or the egg? Why did the chicken cross the road? How are you expected to soar with the eagles when you are surrounded by turkeys? These are just a few of the thought provoking questions that have plagued my mind since childhood. Being involved in the poultry industry through the National FFA Organization has led me to embark on an interesting path with one destination in sight, a career in the poultry industry.

Throughout my high school career, I have been an active member in the FFA with a keen interest in poultry production. I have raised and shown chickens and turkeys for various local, district, and state livestock shows. Through these experiences, I have learned that the key to raising any successful project is hard work. Luck has very little to do with having a champion. Proper care of poultry requires the owner to supply good shelter and adequate nutrition. The housing must be clean, dry, and comfortable. Fresh air must be kept circulating. Managing a flock also requires a commitment of time and labor to provide daily care and attention to the birds. With the information and knowledge collected from the many poultry clinics and other research, I have formulated my own feeding program. The program consists of a high carbohydrate and protein diet to ensure proportional and extensive muscles development combined with a minimal fat supplement to slightly cover the muscle. I am proud to say that my hard work and research finally paid off and my feeding program was successful and has rendered many awards and championship poultry.

Being involved in the FFA has also allowed me to become a part of the Langham Creek FFA Poultry Judging team. Poultry judging contests consist of grading carcasses for meat production, recognizing certain parts of the birds, evaluating broiler breeders, grading eggs for consumption, and taking an exam regarding general knowledge of poultry. Our judging team competes annually in the Area III, Texas FFA Association Poultry Judging Competition, held at Texas A&M University, at which we have placed highly every year since 2001. Since I attended this contest for the first time in my freshman year of high school, I made it my goal and have worked hard to be enrolled in the Poultry Science Department at Texas A&M University and eventually become a part of the nationally recognized collegiate poultry judging team.

This past summer I applied for and was awarded the opportunity to attend the Texas A&M University Poultry Institute for Youth. At the institute I attended sessions concerning poultry anatomy, virology, selecting proper poultry for show, and embryology. I also had the opportunity to tour the Sanderson Farms hatchery as well as the processing plant. Attending the Poultry Institute was a tremendous learning experience in that it opened my eyes to the size and diversity of the poultry industry and has made me more determined than ever to play a vital role in this industry.

As the poultry industry continues to expand, our nation's need for poultry science increases as well. The complex challenges of the future demand agricultural professionals who can identify opportunities and devise innovative solutions. Raising champion poultry and gaining knowledge and interest in the poultry industry will carry me into the future and ensure a successful career which will be ensured by my commitment to excellence, my exceptional work ethic, and my love for the poultry industry. While the answer to the question, "Why did the chicken cross the road?" has not been answered; with the knowledge that I will receive while pursuing a career in the poultry field, I could explore creating more sophisticated feeding programs to produce a better poultry product. Then, the question of the quality of the chicken that crosses the dinner table will be without debate.

**Houston Lodge No. 1189 A.F. & A.M.
&
Holland Lodge No. 1 A.F.&A.M.**

**Invite you to attend an evening of
Good Food and Fellowship
On the occasion of the presentation of
the
Grand Lodge Fifty-Year Service Award
to**

**Right Worshipful Dan Boswell Jordan
Past Grand Master 1974**

**Thursday - August 12, 2004
at 6:30 p.m.**

**Houston Scottish Rite Temple
Scottish Rite Lodge Room
7575 Brompton
Houston, Texas**

**Welcome to Our
Newest Affiliated Members!**

**David Hittner, Temple Lodge No. 4
Marvin Labohm, Jr., Harmony No. 6
Keith Bowen, Memorial No 1298**

Each is a Plural Member.

From the Secretary

Grand Lodge reservations are now being made. Please RSVP by sending your check for \$154 to reserve your room and meals in Waco, December 2, 3 &4.

Be sure to make you reservation checks payable to Holland Lodge No. 1.

New Endowed Members

**David Hittner
Russell Leavens
Remember, only \$500
for an Endowed Membership!**

Are you online?

**Have you been to www.HollandLodge.org ?
Do you get the e-Alpha notices on your email?
Send you email address to billjr@insper.com
and get online with your Lodge!**

Lodge Activities/Calendar

August 2	EA/FC Festival & MM degree polishing!
August 4	Master Mason's Degree
August 9	Dark
August 11	Stated Meeting
August 12	50 yr Award for R.W. Jordan (see above)
August 16	Degree Practice
August 18	Master Mason's Degree
August 23	School of Instruction
August 25	Fellow Craft Exam
August 30	School of Instruction
September 1	Master Mason's Degree
September 6	Dark
September 8	Stated Meeting

**More dates will be published
on the
website in the coming weeks.**

**Be sure to check our the
website at
www.hollandlodge.org
for updates!**

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